

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/April 29-May 9, 2004

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Tokio to the Lincoln County Line (MP 231-239) - Paving operations will be underway. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. Motorcyclists need to use extreme caution when driving on grooved pavement.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)-

Electrical, earthwork, and drainage items. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit will be reduced to **55 mph** when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. In addition, on some days, rock blasting will be underway in some locations between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Traffic on I-90 will be stopped for approximately 10-15 minutes when blasting operations are underway.

<u>NEW!! I-90/ITS (Cameras & Variable Message Sign) (MP 284)</u>-Fiber optic cable splicing will be underway this week at various locations on <u>Sprague Avenue</u> between Garfield Street and Thor Street. Some lane restrictions at times. <u>No freeway traffic impacts</u>.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)— Work will not impact freeway traffic. Travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders will are 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

SR 127/Central Ferry to Church Hill Rd. (MP 10-18)-Paving operations will be underway. The highway will be reduced to a single-lane with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic and 10-15 minute delays.

<u>US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges</u>-Work is underway on this component of the new freeway facility near Mead, north of Spokane. Farwell Road traffic is now detoured slightly to the north to accommodate bridge construction. This short detour will be in place for the duration of this bridge contract. No main highway traffic impacts. The short section of Shady Slope Rd. between US 2 (Newport Highway) and Farwell Rd. is now closed for the duration of this project. Motorists should use the US 2/Farwell intersection, just to the west, as an alternate.

SR 21/Clark Street in Republic (MP 303)-City street work underway in this Ferry County community. This is a City of Republic project. Contact (509) 775-2929.